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Report of the Second Committee (Part II)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 12 (see A/48/715, para. 2). Action to be taken on the item was further considered at the 43rd and 48th meetings, on 3 and 13 December 1993. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/48/SR.43 and A/C.2/48/SR.48).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.50 and Rev.1

2. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December 1993, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft decision entitled "Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa" (A/C.2/48/L.50), which read:

> "The General Assembly decides to endorse resolution 1993/67, adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 30 July 1993, entitled: 'Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and regional integration in Africa'."

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* The report on this agenda item will be issued in two parts (see A/48/715).

3. At the 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a revised draft decision (A/C.2/48/L.50/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsor of draft decision A/C.2/48/L.50.

4. A statement of the programme budget implications of revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.50/Rev.1, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was contained in document A/C.2/48/L.82.

5. Before the revised draft decision was adopted, a statement was made by the representative of Algeria (see A/C.2/48/SR.48).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.50/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 22, draft decision I).

B. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.51 and Rev.1

7. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft decision entitled "African Institute for Economic Development and Planning" (A/C.2/48/L.51), which read:

> "The General Assembly decides to endorse resolution 1993/68, adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 30 July 1993, entitled: 'African Institute for Economic Development and Planning'."

8. At its 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a revised draft decision (A/C.2/48/L.51/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsor of draft decision A/C.2/48/L.51.

9. A statement of the programme budget implications of revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.51/Rev.1, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was contained in document A/C.2/48/L.82.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.51/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 22, draft decision II).

C. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.52 and Rev.1

11. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft decision entitled "Second Transport and Communication Decade in Africa" (A/C.2/48/L.52), which read as follows:

> "The General Assembly decides to endorse resolution 1993/66, adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 30 July 1993, entitled: 'Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa'."

12. At its 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a revised draft decision (A/C.2/48/L.52/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsor of draft decision A/C.2/48/L.52.

13. A statement of the programme budget implications of revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.52/Rev.1, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was contained in document A/C.2/48/L.82.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.52/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 22, draft decision III).

D. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.53 and Rev.1

15. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Algeria introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/48/L.53) entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa", which read:

> "The General Assembly decides to endorse resolution 1993/65, adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 30 July 1993, entitled: 'Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa'."

16. At its 48th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a revised draft decision (A/C.2/48/L.53/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsor of draft decision A/C.2/48/L.53.

17. A statement of the programme budget implications of revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.53/Rev.1, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was contained in document A/C.2/48/L.82.

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft decision A/C.2/48/L.53/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 22, draft decision IV).

E. Consideration of the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1994-1995

19. At the 48th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of the Secretariat introduced and read out corrections to the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1994-1995 (A/C.2/48/L.72, annex).

20. During the consideration of the draft programme of work, statements were made and questions raised by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Egypt, Armenia, Tunisia, Trinidad and Tobago, Pakistan, Australia, the United States of America, Morocco, Mauritania and Algeria. The representative of the Secretariat responded to questions.

21. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1994-1995, as orally corrected, and decided to recommend it to the General Assembly for adoption (see para. 22, draft decision V).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

22. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/67 of 30 July 1993, entitled "Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa", and agrees to ensure the provision of adequate staffing and resources to permit the delivery of activities to the subprogramme of the Economic Commission for Africa on information systems development, beginning with the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

DRAFT DECISION II

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/68 of 30 July 1993, entitled "African Institute for Economic Development and Planning", and agrees, in considering the proposed programme budget for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1994-1995, to take adequate steps to ensure sufficient staffing for the Commission at the Professional level to implement its mandates.

DRAFT DECISION III

Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/66 of 30 July 1993, entitled "Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa", and agrees to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, in its capacity as lead agency for the Second Decade, with adequate resources, allocated within the regular budget, to enable it to effectively and efficiently carry out the activities listed in paragraphs 5 (a) to (d) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/66.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/65 of 30 July 1993, entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa", and agrees to provide adequate resources to the Economic

Commission for Africa for the Second Decade, especially to strengthen industrial cooperation in the implementation of the programme for the Decade.

DRAFT DECISION V

Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1994-1995

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approves the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1994-1995, contained in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1994-1995 a/

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council b/

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982)

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/52 of 29 July 1993 and General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.17) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Working Group to review the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80) c/ and the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the subject (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80 and decision 1993/214)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in compliance with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 44/170 of 19 December 1989) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/63)

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199 of 21 December 1990, 47/152 of 18 December 1992 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.10))

(c) External debt crisis and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.5/Rev.1)

(d) Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/178 of 22 December 1992 on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation — Final version of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 44/77 of 8 December 1989, 44/171 of 19 December 1989 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.3/48/L.33))

Report of the Secretary-General containing an analysis and recommendations on ways and means to promote dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.28/Rev.1))

(a) Trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964), including recommendations on the mid-term review of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.76)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/186 of 22 December 1992 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on a programme for improving the transit system of the newly independent and developing land-locked States in Central Asia and their transit developing country neighbours (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.79))

Report of the Secretary-General on institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.55))

(b) Food and agricultural development

Documentation

Report of the World Food Council c/

Report of the Secretary-General on food production, including agro-industrial products, international markets for agricultural and tropical products, and the state of global food security (General Assembly resolution 47/149 of 18 December 1992)

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/20 on emergency action to combat the locust infestation in Africa

(c) Report of the International Conference on Population and Development

Documentation

Report of the Conference (Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/93 of 26 July 1991 and General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.11/Rev.1))

(d) Commodities

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on potential developmental linkages between the commodity sector and other sectors of the economy (General Assembly resolution 47/185)

(e) Cultural development

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the summary evaluation report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the global mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolution 46/157 of 19 December 1991 and Economic and Social Council decision 1993/209) c/

(f) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.6/Rev.1))

(g) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/153 of 18 December 1992 on industrial development cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/177 of 22 December 1992, on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000

(h) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in the work of the Preparatory Committee for the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolutions 47/180 of 22 December 1992 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.37))

(i) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.89))

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for and observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.86))

(j) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/60)

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/215 on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly decision 48/___ (draft decision A/C.2/48/L.49))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.83) on the strengthening of the United Nations Environment Programme

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General containing recommendations on a special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (General Assembly resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session (General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992)

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/19 of 22 December 1992

(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Documentation — Report of the Conference (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.44))

(d) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___

(e) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation — Report of the Conference (General Assembly resolutions 47/189 of 22 December 1992 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.78))

Item 5. Operational activities for development

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/21 on the World Summit for Children (General Assembly decision 48/___ (draft decision A/C.2/48/L.59))

Item 6. Training and research

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.88))

United Nations University

Documentation — Report of the Council of the United Nations University

Item 7. Agenda for development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.87))

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council e/

(a) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1997-1998

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made during the first half of the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 45/181 of 21 December 1990) c/

(c) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/51) c/

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Financing of development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of the potential sources of financing of development (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.4))

(b) Long-term trends in social and economic development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 (General Assembly resolution 43/194 of 20 December 1988)

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

(a) Trade and development

Documentation — Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on negotiations on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.14/Rev.1))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.21) on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.81))

(b) Human settlements

Documentation — Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 and 43/180 and 43/181 of 20 December 1988) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in the work of the Preparatory Committee for the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 47/180 of 22 December 1992)

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.77)

(d) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.76)

(e) Women in development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987) c/

(f) Human resources development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.56)

(g) Business and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on policies and activities related to entrepreneurship, privatization, demonopolization and administrative deregulation (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.34/Rev.1))

(h) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/196 of 22 December 1992

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, including the Programme's activities in environmental monitoring (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.80)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 34/173 of 17 December 1979) c/

Report of the Secretary-General updating the developments relevant to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/215 (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.49))

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development on its third session (General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992)

(b) Desertification and drought

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973, 32/172 of 19 December 1977, 40/209 of 17 December 1985 and 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.66)) c/

Item 5. Operational activities for development

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992) c/

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

United Nations field offices (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.70))

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation — Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of technical cooperation among developing countries in the United Nations development system and on the follow-up of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.54)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.73) on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.67))

Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1994.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1995 will be updated in 1994, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, taking into account the periodicity of consideration of items and sub-items as spelled out in annex II, section E, of General Assembly resolution 48/___ (draft resolution A/48/L.33).

e/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1995.